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	Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 5 to 11 May 1951 follows.
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1. Pol Dasht

5-6 May

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Six trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 33 carloads of planks, four tank cars, 50 closed cars, four coal cars, three carloads of sand, and 31 empty cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 62 closed cars, four carloads of munitions, 20 carloads of planks, four tank cars, four carloads of trees, and eight cars loaded with barrels.

night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 20 passenger cars carrying unarmed soldiers, eight carloads of logs, 15 carloads of wood poles, 19 closed cars, 37 coal cars, eight carloads of telephone wire, three carloads of ammunition boxes, 14 tank cars, and two mortars.

night.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 25 passenger cars, ten carloads of wood planks, and 14 carloads of empty cans.

7 May

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, one coal car, one carload of autos, one tank car, and 13 closed cars.

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night

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:  
Two trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, five tank cars, 49 closed cars, and four carloads of wood cutting machinery.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: One train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa: One train composed of eight carloads of planks, five coal cars, and seven carloads of timber.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 16 carloads of sand, two carloads of jeeps, and 15 closed cars.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains of unknown make-up.

8-10 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa (possibly westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan): Seven trains composed of 44 passenger cars, 70 closed cars, two carloads of wood, eight carloads of coal, one carload of sand, five tank cars, ten carloads of wood poles, three carloads of planks, two carloads of autos, one carload of trucks, one carload of boxes, and one car loaded with a 75 mm artillery piece.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa (possibly westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan): One train of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan (possibly eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan): Eight trains composed of 45 passenger cars, 104 closed cars, seven trucks, 29 tank cars, and one carload of boxes.

night

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan (possibly eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan): Four trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa: Ten trains composed of 17 passenger cars, one car carrying soldiers, three tank cars, 31 carloads of soil, eight carloads of planks, four carloads of coal, 12 carloads of wood poles, five carloads of sand, and 26 empty cars.

night

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa: One train of unknown make-up.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, three carloads of sand, eight carloads of logs, nine tank cars, and ten closed cars.

2. Dzshulfa

5-6 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 130 boxcars, 30 gondolas, 15 tank cars, two carloads of stone and lumber, and two carloads of trucks.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzshulfa to Ordubad: Four trains composed of 55 boxcars, 14 carloads of iron boxes, and 16 tank cars.

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Four passenger trains ran according to schedule (schedule not given).\*

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Direction unstated: Five trains of unknown make-up.

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hours

Two white and red rockets were fired at Dzhulfa.

7 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 71 boxcars, 26 gondolas loaded with coal and wood planks, four carloads of trucks, and six tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One train composed of 17 boxcars, 12 gondolas, and two tank cars.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: Three trains of unknown make-up.

8-10 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Nine trains composed of 162 boxcars, 14 gondolas loaded with two trucks, two autos, lumber, and coal, 24 tank cars, four cars loaded with barrels, and one car loaded with a crane.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 56 boxcars, nine gondolas loaded with stone, 11 tank cars, and two carloads of trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Three trucks carrying 20 armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One truck-drawn 105 mm gun.

Two green and six white rockets were fired at Dzhulfa.

11 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 72 boxcars, 17 gondolas carrying jeeps, and nine tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: One train composed of six boxcars and 25 empty gondolas.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: One truck carrying 15 armed soldiers.

3. Sia Rud

5-6 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 30 passenger cars, 50 covered cars, and 36 gondolas among which were four autos, one truck, two motors, two empty cars and cars loaded with gravel.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Six trains composed of 29 passenger cars, two cars carrying un-armed soldiers, 116 covered cars, 30 gondolas containing 24 truck engines, four autos, and coal, and 25 tank cars.

8-10 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Seven trains composed of 42 passenger cars, 90 covered cars, 23 tank cars, and 43 gondolas of which 15 were loaded with engines, one was loaded with trucks, and the rest were loaded with planks and lumber: one switch engine pulling one gondola loaded with wood.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Six trains composed of 42 passenger cars, 44 covered cars, 12 tank cars, and 27 gondolas of which five were loaded with engines, one was loaded with trucks, and the remaining cars carried gravel or were empty.

11 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 22 boxcars, six tank cars, and 41 gondolas of which 15 were loaded with engines, four were loaded with trucks, and the remaining cars were loaded with gravel and soil.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 26 boxcars, three tank cars, and eight coal cars.

4. Khuda Afarin

5-6 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 58 boxcars, 71 gondolas loaded with coal, lumber, and iron poles, and 11 tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 24 empty cars, one gondola, and one locomotive.

One group of civilians, which included women and children carrying flags and toys, went from Dzhulfa to the border post, where they remained for some time; pictures were taken and the group returned to Dzhulfa.

6-7 May  
(alternate version)

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 20 boxcars, 13 empty gondolas, seven tank cars, and three carloads of trucks; one locomotive.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 37 boxcars, 25 gondolas containing wood poles, 13 tank cars, one gondola containing barrels, and four carloads of trucks.

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Four white rockets were fired and signaling with lamps was observed.

8-10 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Twelve trains composed of 56 passenger cars, 91 boxcars, 86 gondolas loaded with wood and coal, three carloads of jeeps, several empty cars, 22 tank cars, and 12 cars full of soldiers.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Seven trains composed of 79 boxcars, 82 gondolas loaded with lumber and iron pipe, one gondola loaded with a boat, one gondola full of soldiers, and six tank cars.

5. Namin

2nd week in May

All Soviet posts in this area changed guards. New members assigned to the posts totaled 17 to 20 for the important posts.

6. Astara

6 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Eight trucks with unidentified contents.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Thirteen trucks with unidentified contents; one truck full of armed soldiers.

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Astara continued-

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two trucks full of soldiers singing songs; twelve trucks carrying one officer and seven boxes.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep, four trucks, and one motorcycle equipped with a radio carrying seven sergeants, 23 unarmed and 13 armed soldiers, and wood.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck full of armed soldiers; one truck carrying three civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, one motorcycle carrying nine officers; one truck full of soldiers and one sergeant.

Eight white and red rockets were fired at Haider Mahalleh and on the coast. Searchlights were turned seven times during the night.

7-10 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Two jeeps and one auto carrying two officers; 40 trucks with unidentified loads; one truck full of soldiers; two groups of armed infantry.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two jeeps carrying two officers; 14 covered trucks; one truck carrying soldiers; two groups of armed infantry.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, one motorcycle, and six trucks carrying nine officers, one armed and 58 unarmed soldiers, and six sergeants; 16 trucks carrying officers and troops who were singing.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep, one motorcycle, and four trucks carrying six officers, five unarmed soldiers, three sergeants, seven armed soldiers, and gunny sacks; three trucks carrying unarmed soldiers, one officer, and one sergeant; one civilian riding a bicycle.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Seven jeeps, two autos, and one motorcycle carrying 14 officers, two sergeants, five armed soldiers, and 12 civilians; seven empty trucks; eight trucks carrying soldiers; three trucks carrying male and female civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Five jeeps, two motorcycles, and five trucks carrying 14 officers, 12 armed soldiers, 15 men and women civilians, three boxes; two sergeants riding bicycles; two trucks carrying armed soldiers.

One Soviet fighter aircraft flew over Astara, then flew off towards the sea.

Fifteen colored rockets were fired at Qanbar Mahalleh, Haider Mahalleh, Astara, and Kenyar Darya. Searchlight activity was intermittent.

11 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Ten trucks; one group of armed infantry.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two trucks.

Eastbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps and four trucks carrying two officers, one sergeant, 17 unarmed soldiers, three civilians, and two boxes; one truck full of troops.

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Astara continued-

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara:  
One truck carrying one officer, two sergeants, and  
25 soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last  
post west: One jeep, one truck, and one cart carry-  
ing one officer, two soldiers, boxes, and sacks; one  
truck full of armed troops.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed  
Mahalleh: One truck full of civilians, and one cart  
loaded with wood.

One red and ten green rockets were fired at Haidar  
Mahalleh and on the coast. Searchlights were turned  
on 16 times.

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